

IN THE SOCIAL REALM.

How Portland Has Amused Herself for the Past Week.

Mid-Season Quiet Reigns Supreme, But Already Paint Masterings of Weddings and other Ecclesiastic Affairs Are Being Heard.

VANITY FAIR.

HER SMILES HIS SUNLIGHT.
Sweetbird when rhyme I make
For you, for me,
You bring me home,
To garnish a while
I sing.
Like to that bird am I,
Which, when the sky
At sight,
A deeper song knows,
No longer knows
Delight;
Of like of flowers that one
Whose sun
And gives me life,
The beauty of its bloom
To him for whom
I sing.
Please me to kiss
Have I but one
Your face
Over my paper shins
And your lines
Will grace.
For me your smile is day—
The golden ray
That climbs
And sweetens all
My rhyme.
For you the bird's song, this—
The sun's fresh kiss
And birdsong.
Nor may their mightful come
Till both are dumb
And death.

—Frank Dearden Sherman in *Century*.

Manufacturers are turning out kangaroos shoes at an enormous rate. These shoes promise to be very popular next summer.

Sneakers are still worn by almost everybody, and the practice will hold good for another season if symptoms have any weight.

No headway at all is being made by the advocates of knee-breeches for full dress wear. An Oscar Wilde or two might help matters along, but the accoladed dress practices are disconcerting. That is the situation in New York, anyway.

By the way, it is the grip. Its temporary popularity killed it with a bang. It will not be likely to pass into plumbum favor. Small and all the time, but the foul-in-hand, thin and longer than ever, is the scarf of the week.

Some ingenious person has invented a collapsed bow-tie, which by an ingenious arrangement of wires can be sat upon without inflicting a painful injury. Then the lady with the Elsie tower on her head need no longer be a terror to the world, for she is only to take off her hat and sit down, and all will be as flat as a griddle cake.

The fancy cloth vests, which grow so suddenly popular, will fall will continue in favor during the spring. There is no criterion of propriety as regards patterned vests, the somewhat vagus and general law which applies to the entire vest.

Girlish colors and inharmonious tints are to be avoided, of course. On black or seal brown ground, or of cream white socks are deemed especially fashionable.

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Among the dinner gowns of the empire is a princess dress of English crepe, the front of which is draped over black silk. The bodice is fastened by a wide belt, and the form of the bust is raised with similar stars of crepe. Another is black velvet with train gathered on the back and waist. The front of the bodice is a deep white collar, like a nun's, but made of the very finest silk. On black or seal brown ground, or of cream white socks are deemed especially fashionable.

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Among the morning mantles recently made for the Empress Frederick is a long, thin, simple one, intended to be worn in driving, and made of black woolen crepe, lined with astrakhan fur. A second is in woollen crepe, fitting very closely at the waist, and has a wide belt. A box of black marabou feathers takes the place of a collar. The mantel is a small cap with a wide belt, and the comb is a wide belt. It is made of cold crepe, and gathered with flowers and ribbons. The young ladies invited as Miss Smith's guests were, Miss Estelle Lewis and Miss Mabel Beck.

Personal.

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